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Oilseed and grain farming	3	1
Vegetable and melon farming	6	0
Fruit and tree nut farming	0	0
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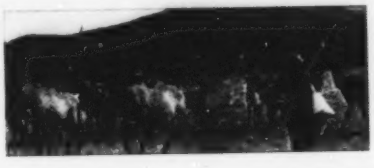

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560 to 759 acres	3	0	1	0	2	0
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2,240 to 2,879 acres	1	0	1	0	0	0
2,880 to 3,519 acres	0	0	0	0	0	0
3,520 acres and over	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of farms	170	30	160	23	113	27

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Farm Land Area by Tenure

	2001		1996		1991	
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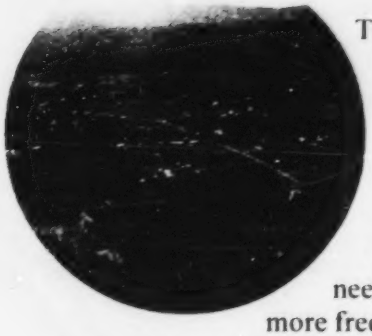

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Carrots	Farms reporting	11	4
	Acres	3	1
Lettuces	Farms reporting	9	2
	Acres	3	x
Other vegeatbles	Farms reporting	8	6
	Acres	6	7
Cabbage	Farms reporting	8	4
	Acres	2	1
Beets	Farms reporting	7	5
	Acres	1	1
Green peas	Farms reporting	6	2
	Acres	1	x
Cauliflower	Farms reporting	5	1
	Acres	1	x
Broccoli	Farms reporting	5	1
	Acres	1	x
Rutabagas and turnips	Farms reporting	5	5
	Acres	1	1
Tomatoes	Farms reporting	4	0
	Acres	1	0
Cucumbers	Farms reporting	4	0
	Acres	1	0
Green or wax beans	Farms reporting	4	3
	Acres	1	1
Radishes	Farms reporting	4	1
	Acres	1	x
Rhubarb	Farms reporting	4	1
	Acres	1	x
Spinach	Farms reporting	3	0
	Acres	1	0
Sweet corn	Farms reporting	2	2
	Acres	x	x
Dry onions	Farms reporting	2	2
	Acres	x	x
Shallots, green and seed onions	Farms reporting	2	0
	Acres	x	0
Celery	Farms reporting	1	1
	Acres	x	x
Squash, pumpkins and zucchini	Farms reporting	2	1
	Acres	x	x

Hay & Field Crops

		Yukon	NWT
All other tame hay and fodder crops	Farms reporting	62	5
	Acres	4,686	35
Oats	Farms reporting	30	1
	Acres	1,293	x
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures	Farms reporting	13	4
	Acres	637	29
Potatoes	Farms reporting	13	9
	Acres	30	17
Total rye	Farms reporting	4	0
	Acres	157	0
Fall rye	Farms	4	0
	Acres	157	0
Total wheat	Farms reporting	3	0
	Acres	70	0
Spring wheat (excluding durum)	Farms reporting	3	0
	Acres	x	0
Barley	Farms reporting	3	0
	Acres	x	0
Mixed grains	Farms reporting	1	0
	Acres	x	0
Buckwheat	Farms reporting	1	0
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Greenhouse products

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	Square Feet	53,700	21,928
Total area of greenhouse in use on May 15, 2001	Farms reporting	29	6
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	Square Feet	30,850	x
Greenhouse vegetables	Farms reporting	21	5
	Square Feet	20,916	7,128
Other greenhouse products	Farms reporting	3	1
	Square Feet	1,934	x
Total growing area for mushrooms	Farms reporting	1	0
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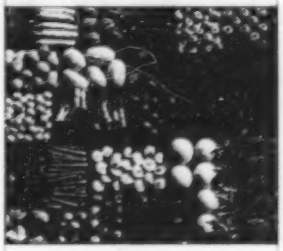

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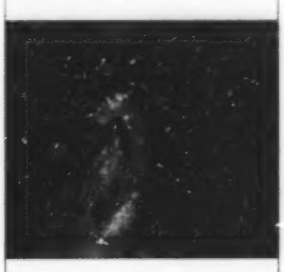

fruits, berries and nuts

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Strawberries total area	Farms reporting	3	2
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Raspberries total area	Farms reporting	3	3
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Other fruits, berries and nuts total area	Farms reporting	2	1
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Apples total area	Farms reporting	1	1
	Acres	x	x
Apples producing area	Farms reporting	1	1
	Acres	x	x
Grapes total area	Farms reporting	1	0
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Nursery products, sod and Christmas trees

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Total area of nursery products	Farms reporting	7	1
	Acres	9	x
Total area of sod grown for sale	Farms reporting	1	0
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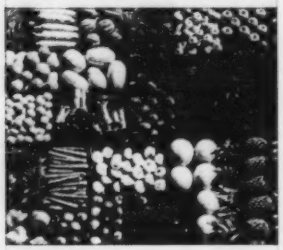

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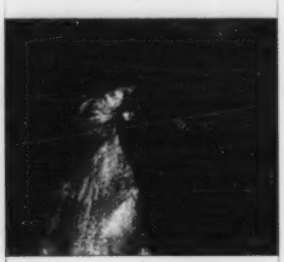

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Cattle

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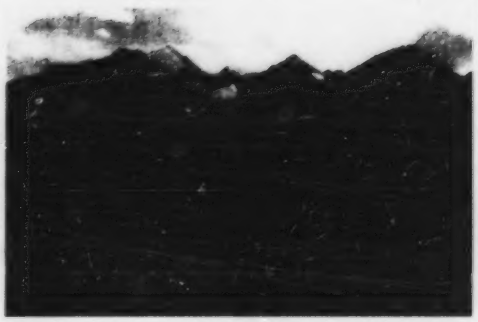
Total cattle and calves	Farms reporting	11	2
	Number	192	x
Bulls, 1 year and over	Farms reporting	8	1
	Number	13	x
Total cows	Farms reporting	9	1
	Number	72	x
Dairy cows	Farms reporting	1	0
	Number	x	0
Beef cows	Farms reporting	9	1
	Number	x	x
Total heifers 1 year and over	Farms reporting	8	2
	Number	27	x
Heifers for beef herd replacement	Farms reporting	6	0
	Number	10	0
Heifers for slaughter or feeding	Farms reporting	4	2
	Number	17	x
Steers, 1 year and over	Farms reporting	5	0
	Number	20	0
Calves, under 1 year	Farms reporting	8	1
	Number	60	x



Poultry production

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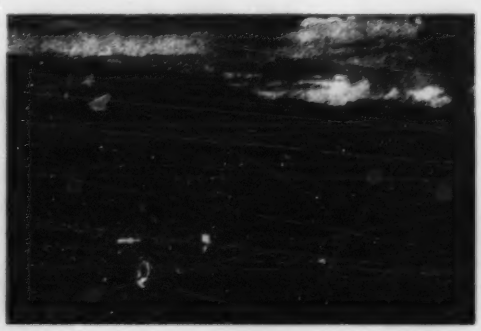
Broilers, roasters and Cornish production	Farms reporting	11	1
	Kilograms	14,148	x
Turkey production	Farms reporting	10	0
	Kilograms	2,717	0

Poultry inventory

		Yukon	NWT
Total hens and chickens	Farms reporting	35	5
	Number of birds	9,319	x
Broilers, roasters and Cornish	Farms reporting	12	3
	Number of birds	2,154	60
Pullets under 19 weeks intended for laying	Farms reporting	11	2
	Number of birds	553	x
Laying hens, 19 weeks and over	Farms reporting	30	5
	Number of birds	6,612	x
Laying hens in hatchery supply flocks	Farms reporting	2	0
	Number of birds	x	0
Turkeys	Farms reporting	13	0
	Number of birds	294	0
Other poultry	Farms reporting	8	3
	Number of birds	161	61



Other

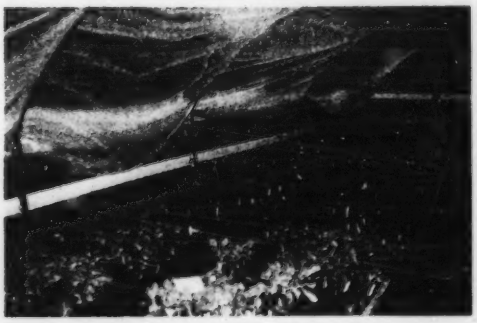
		Yukon	NWT
Horses and ponies	Farms reporting	79	2
	Number	818	x
Goats	Farms reporting	6	0
	Number	36	0
Wild boars	Farms reporting	3	0
	Number	13	0
Bison (buffalo)	Farms reporting	2	1
	Number	x	x
Deer (excluding wild deer)	Farms reporting	1	0
	Number	x	0
Elk	Farms reporting	6	0
	Number	129	0
Llamas and alpacas	Farms reporting	4	0
	Number	22	0
Rabbits	Farms reporting	4	1
	Number	89	x
Sled dogs for breeding	Farms reporting	10	4
	Number	334	101
Colonies of bees	Farms reporting	4	0
	Number	35	0

Sheep

		Yukon	NWT
Total sheep and lambs	Farms reporting	3	0
	Number	x	0
Rams	Farms reporting	2	0
	Number	x	0
Ewes	Farms reporting	2	0
	Number	11	0
Total lambs	Farms reporting	1	0
	Number	x	0

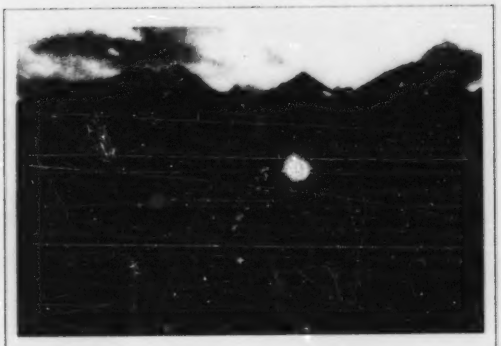
Pigs

		Yukon	NWT
Total pigs	Farms reporting	11	2
	Number	73	x
Boars	Farms reporting	4	0
	Number	7	0
Sows and gilts for breeding	Farms reporting	6	0
	Number	18	0
Nursing and weaner pigs	Farms reporting	3	0
	Number	33	0
Grower and finishing pigs	Farms reporting	3	2
	Number	15	x



Cattle

		Yukon	NWT
Total cattle and calves	Farms reporting	11	2
	Number	192	x
Bulls, 1 year and over	Farms reporting	8	1
	Number	13	x
Total cows	Farms reporting	9	1
	Number	72	x
Dairy cows	Farms reporting	1	0
	Number	x	0
Beef cows	Farms reporting	9	1
	Number	x	x
Total heifers 1 year and over	Farms reporting	8	2
	Number	27	x
Heifers for beef herd replacement	Farms reporting	6	0
	Number	10	0
Heifers for slaughter or feeding	Farms reporting	4	2
	Number	17	x
Steers, 1 year and over	Farms reporting	5	0
	Number	20	0
Calves, under 1 year	Farms reporting	8	1
	Number	60	x



Poultry production

		Yukon	NWT
Broilers, roasters and Cornish production	Farms reporting	11	1
	Kilograms	14,148	x
Turkey production	Farms reporting	10	0
	Kilograms	2,717	0

Poultry inventory

		Yukon	NWT
Total hens and chickens	Farms reporting	35	5
	Number of birds	9,319	x
Broilers, roasters and Cornish	Farms reporting	12	3
	Number of birds	2,154	60
Pullets under 19 weeks intended for laying	Farms reporting	11	2
	Number of birds	553	x
Laying hens, 19 weeks and over	Farms reporting	30	5
	Number of birds	6,612	x
Laying hens in hatchery supply flocks	Farms reporting	2	0
	Number of birds	x	0
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Crop rotation	reporting	34	6	35	2	27	0
Winter cover crops	Farms	4	0	9	0	10	1
Contour cultivation	reporting	3	0	5	0	5	0
Strip-cropping	Farms	1	0	2	0	2	0
Grassed waterways	reporting	4	0	2	0	7	1
Windbreaks or shelterbelts	Farms	30	5	32	1	13	0
Permanent grass cover	reporting	50	3	44	0	*	
Green manure crops for plough-down	Farms	20	1	0	0	5	1
Mechanical or hand weeding of crops	reporting	32	6	0	0		

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Land Inputs

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		Yukon	NWT	Yukon	NWT	Yukon	NWT
Irrigation	Farms reporting	47	6	46	7	27	3
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Commercial fertilizer	Farms reporting	55	5	62	4	38	4
	Acres	3,976	113	3,072	22	1,795	64
Herbicides	Farms reporting	11	0	4	1	3	2
	Acres	632	0	87	x	41	x
Insecticides	Farms reporting	2	0				
	Acres	x	0	1	2	1	1
Fungicides	Farms reporting	1	0	x	x	x	x
	Acres	x	0				

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